

REMARKS

Claims 37, 38 and 39 are pending, with claims 19-36 being cancelled by way of this Amendment.

The Office Action dated March 18, 2008 rejects claims 19-21, 23-24, 26-28, 30-33, 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cross (4,170,183) in view of Baltzinger (4,901,653). While Applicant does not concur with this rejection, these claims are cancelled in order to expedite allowance of the present application.

The Examiner also indicated under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter" that claims 37, 38 and 39 are allowed and that claims 25, 29 and 34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The rejection of claims based on 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is now considered to have been rendered moot with Applicant's amendment canceling all but the claims indicated as being allowable.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and maintains the right to file a divisional application directed to the cancelled claims at any time during the pendency of the current application.

Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectively requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary to preserve the tendency of this application, or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-2929, referencing Docket No. P28215.

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